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ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEET		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER	
(Instructions on Reverse)		(Court Use Only)	
PLAINTIFFS	DEFEND	ANTS	
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ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.)	ATTORNEYS (If Known)		
PARTY (Check One Box Only)	PARTY (Check One Box Only)	
□ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin	☐ Debtor ☐ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin		
□ Creditor □ Other	□ Creditor □ Other		
□ Trustee	□ Trustee		
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE	OF ACTION	I, INCLUDING ALL U.S. STATUTES INVOLVED)	
NATURE (OF SUIT		
(Number up to five (5) boxes starting with lead cause of action as 1	, first alternat	ive cause as 2, second alternative cause as 3, etc.)	
FRBP 7001(1) – Recovery of Money/Property	FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability (continued)	
11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property	61-Dischargeability - §523(a)(5), domestic support		
12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference	68-Dischargeability - \$523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury		
13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer	63-Dischargeability - §523(a)(8), student loan		
☐ 14-Recovery of money/property - other	64-Dischargeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation		
FRBP 7001(2) - Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien	(other than domestic support) 65-Dischargeability - other		
21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	□ 65-Discii	argeability - other	
FRBP 7001(3) – Approval of Sale of Property		7) – Injunctive Relief	
31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - \$363(h)	71-Injunctive relief – imposition of stay		
	☐ 72-Injun	ctive relief – other	
FRBP 7001(4) – Objection/Revocation of Discharge	FRBP 7001(8) Subordination of Claim or Interest		
41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)	☐ 81-Subo	rdination of claim or interest	
FRBP 7001(5) - Revocation of Confirmation	EDDD 7001/0)) Declaratory Indoment	
51-Revocation of confirmation		D) Declaratory Judgment aratory judgment	
EDDD 7001(6) Dischargeshility			
FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability 66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims	FRBP 7001(10) Determination of Removed Action		
62-Dischargeability - \$523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation,	☐ 01-Deter	rmination of removed claim or cause	
actual fraud	Other		
67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny	SS-SIPA	Case – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa <i>et.seq</i> .	
(continued next column)	02-Other	r (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court	
·		related to bankruptcy case)	
☐ Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law	□ Check if	this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23	
☐ Check if a jury trial is demanded in complaint	Demand \$		
Other Relief Sought			

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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES					
NAME OF DEBTOR		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO.			
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING		DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE		
RELATED A	PROCEEDING (IF ANY)				
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	Γ	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.		
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDIN	IG	DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE		
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)					
DATE		PRINT NAME OF ATTORNE	Y (OR PLAINTIFF)		

INSTRUCTIONS

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also complete and file Form 104, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, *unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 104 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and **Defendants.** Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

Signature. This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

*Per LBR 7003-1, in the EDVA, a properly completed Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet is required.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re:) Case No. 08-35653 (KRH)	
CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC., et al.,) Chapter 11	
Debtors.) (Jointly Administered))	
ALFRED H. SIEGEL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC. LIQUIDATING TRUST,)) Adv. Pro. No. 10)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL, INC. DBA ZT SYSTEMS, INC. AND ZT SYSTEMS, INC.,)))	
Defendant.	,	

THE LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE'S COMPLAINT TO AVOID AND RECOVER PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS AND OBJECTION TO CLAIM NOS. 575 AND 13253 Case 08-35653-KRH Doc 9347 Filed 11/09/10 Entered 11/09/10 23:54:17 Desc Main Document Page 4 of 13

Alfred H. Siegel, the duly appointed trustee of the Circuit City Stores, Inc.

Liquidating Trust (the "Trustee"), pursuant to the Second Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation of
Circuit City Stores, Inc. and its Affiliated Debtors and Debtors in Possession and its Official
Committee of Creditors Holding General Unsecured Claims (the "Plan"), for his complaint and
for his objection to proof of claim numbers 1333 and 4008 (the "Complaint") against ZT Group
International, Inc. dba ZT Systems, Inc. and ZT Systems, Inc. (collectively "Defendant"), alleges
as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. The Trustee brings this action against Defendant to recover amounts due and owing from Defendant to Circuit City arising from the relationship between the parties. The Trustee seeks to avoid and recover certain preferential transfers that occurred during the 90-day period prior to the commencement of Circuit City's bankruptcy proceedings. The Trustee further objects to Defendant's proofs of claim filed against the Debtors' estates.

THE PARTIES

- 2. The Trustee ("Trustee" or "Plaintiff") is the duly appointed trustee of the Circuit City Stores, Inc. Liquidating Trust (the "Trust"). Pursuant to Articles II and III of the Trust, the Trustee has the sole authority to pursue claims transferred to the Trust by the Debtors through the Plan, and to litigate objections to claims asserted against the Debtors' estates.
- 3. Prior to the Effective Date of the Plan, Circuit City Stores, Inc. and its affiliated debtors in possession (collectively "Circuit City" or the "Debtors")¹ were corporations

¹ The Debtors and the last four digits of their respective taxpayer identification numbers are as follows: Circuit City Stores, Inc. (3875), Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. (0785), InterTAN, Inc. (0875), Ventoux International, Inc. (1838), Circuit City Purchasing Company, LLC (5170), CC Aviation, LLC (0841), CC Distribution Company of Virginia, Inc. (2821), Circuit City Properties, LLC (3353), Kinzer Technology, LLC (2157), Abbott Advertising (cont'd)

that maintained their respective principal places of business in the locations set forth below, and were the debtors in the above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy cases.

4. Upon information and belief, ZT Group International, Inc. dba ZT Systems, Inc. and ZT Systems, Inc. are corporations organized under the laws of the State of New York with their principal place of business in Secaucus, New Jersey.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334.
 - 6. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).
- 7. Venue of these chapter 11 cases and this adversary proceeding in this district and before this Court is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 8. The statutory and legal predicates for the relief requested by the Complaint are sections 105, 502, 503, 541, 542, 547, 550, and 558 of title 11, United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Bankruptcy Rules 3007 and 7001, and Local Bankruptcy Rule 3007-1.

PERTINENT FACTS

A. General Case Background

9. On November 10, 2008 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions in this Court for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and until the effective

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Agency, Inc. (4659), Patapsco Designs, Inc.(6796), Sky Venture Corp. (0311), PRAHS, Inc.(n/a), XSStuff, LLC (9263), Mayland MN, LLC (6116), Courchevel, LLC (n/a), Orbyx Electronics, LLC (3360), and Circuit City Stores PR, LLC (5512). The address for Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. is 9250 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado 80031. For all other Debtors, the address was 9950 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233 and currently is 4951 Lake Brook Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

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date of the Plan, continued to operate as debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107 and 1108.

- 10. On November 12, 2008, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed a statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee").
- 11. On January 16, 2009, the Court authorized the Debtors to, among other things, conduct going out of business sales at all of the Debtors' retail locations (the "Stores") pursuant to an agency agreement (the "Agency Agreement") between the Debtors and a joint venture, as agent (the "Agent"). On January 17, 2009, the Agent commenced going out of business sales at the Stores pursuant to the Agency Agreement. As of March 8, 2009, the going out of business sales at the Debtors' stores were completed.
- 12. On August 9, 2010, the Debtors and the Creditors' Committee filed the Plan, which provides for the liquidation of the Debtors' assets and distribution of the proceeds thereof under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 13. On September 10, 2010, the United States Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of Virginia, signed an Order confirming the Plan.
 - 14. The Plan became effective on November 1, 2010 (the "Effective Date").

B. The Business Relationship Between Circuit City And Defendant

15. Prior to the commencement of these bankruptcy cases, the Debtors were a leading specialty retailer of consumer electronics and operated large nationwide electronics stores that sold, among other things, televisions, home theatre systems, computers, camcorders,

furniture, software, imaging and telecommunications products, and other audio and video electronics.

- 16. Plaintiff is informed and believes that on or about April 7, 2008, Circuit City and Defendant entered into a Drop Ship Vendor Agreement pursuant to which Circuit City purchased products from Defendant (the "Agreement").
- 17. During the course of the parties' relationship, the parties engaged in numerous transactions that are reflected in invoices, communications and other documents (collectively, the "Defendant's Agreements").
- 18. Circuit City and Defendant conducted business with one another up to and through the Petition Date under the Defendant's Agreements.
- 19. During the ordinary course of the Debtors' business, the Debtors maintained books and records of their transactions with Defendant (the "Books and Records").

C. <u>Amounts Allegedly Owed To Defendant And Defendant's Proofs Of Claim</u>

(1) <u>Claim No. 575</u>

- 20. On or about December 4, 2008, Defendant filed a claim in the amount of \$178,242.00 as a claim allegedly entitled to administrative expense priority under Bankruptcy Code section 503(b)(9). The Claims Agent appointed by the Court designated this claim as claim no. 575.
- 21. Pursuant to the Court's order on Debtors' Twentieth Omnibus Objections (Docket No. 4576), Claim No. 575 was reclassified to a general unsecured claim for \$117,331.00 and a claim entitled to § 503(b)(9) priority in the sum of \$60,911.00.

(2) <u>Claim No. 13253</u>

22. On or about June 1, 2009, Defendant filed Claim No. 13253.

23. Claim No. 13253 was filed in the amount of \$15,268.00 as a claim entitled to administrative expense priority.

D. <u>Transfers To Defendant Made Within 90 Days Prior To The Petition Date</u>

- 24. During the 90-day period prior to the commencement of Circuit City's bankruptcy cases (the "Preference Period"), Circuit City transferred property to or for the benefit of Defendant in an amount not less than \$132,303.00. A list identifying each and every transfer during the Preference Period is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> and incorporated herein by reference (collectively, the "Preferential Transfers").
- 25. Plaintiff acknowledges that some of the Preferential Transfers might be subject to defenses under Bankruptcy Code section 547(c), for which the Defendant bears the burden of proof under Section 547(g). Plaintiff will work with Defendant to exchange applicable information in an effort to resolve any and all factual issues with respect to potential defenses.

COUNT I

AVOIDANCE OF PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 547(b)

- 26. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 27. During the Preference Period, Defendant was a creditor of one or more of the Debtors.
- 28. Each Preferential Transfer identified on Exhibit A hereto was made to or for the benefit of Defendant.
- 29. Each Preferential Transfer was made for or on account of an antecedent debt or debts owed by one or more of the Debtors before such Preferential Transfers were made.

- 30. Each Preferential Transfer was made during the Preference Period.
- 31. Each Preferential Transfer was made while the Debtors were insolvent.
- 32. Each Preferential Transfer enabled Defendant to receive more than Defendant would have received if (i) the Debtors' chapter 11 cases were instead cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) the transfers and/or payments had not been made; and (iii) Defendant received payment on account of the debt paid by the Preferential Transfers to the extent provided by the Bankruptcy Code.
- 33. Each Preferential Transfer constitutes an avoidable preference pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 547(b).

COUNT II

RECOVERY OF PREFERENTIAL TRANSFERS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 550

- 34. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein
- 35. Defendant was either (i) the initial transferee of the Preferential Transfers, (ii) the entity for whose benefit the Preferential Transfers were made, or (iii) an immediate or mediate transferee of the Preferential Transfers.
- 36. Each Preferential Transfer that is avoided under Section 547(b) is recoverable pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550.
- 37. Subject to potential defenses, the Trustee is entitled to recover the value of the Preferential Transfers pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550(a).

COUNT III

OBJECTION TO CLAIMS 575 and 13253 – DISALLOWANCE UNDER SECTION 502(d)

- 38. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 39. Claim Nos. 575 and 13253 assert a right to payment allegedly owed by one or more of the Debtors.
- 40. As alleged above, each Preferential Transfer constitutes an avoidable preference pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 547(b), which is recoverable pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 550.
- 41. Accordingly, pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 502(d), Claim Nos. 575 and 13253 must be disallowed unless and until Defendant pays to the Trustee an amount equal to each Preferential Transfer that is avoided.

COUNT IV

OBJECTION TO CLAIM NO. 575 AS OVERSTATED

- 42. The Trustee repeats and realleges each of the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 43. After a thorough review of the Debtors' Books and Records, the Trustee has determined that the § 503(b)(9) portion of Claim No. 575 is overstated by \$44.00 and should be reduced to \$60,867.00 and that the general unsecured portion of said claim is overstated by \$824.00 and should be reduced to \$116,507.00 by reason of the failure to properly afford credits and adjustments to Circuit City.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests and prays that the Court:

- i. Pursuant to Counts I and II, enter judgment against Defendant under 11 U.S.C. §§ 547 and 550 and allow the Trustee to avoid and recover the Preferential Transfers in an amount not less than \$132,303.00; and
- ii. Pursuant to Count III, disallow Claim Nos. 575 and 13253 in accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 502(d) pending payment by Defendant to the Trustee of any avoidable and recoverable transfers; and
- iii. Pursuant to Count IV, reduce the general unsecured claim portion of Claim No. 575 from the overstated amount of \$117,331.00 to the proper amount of \$116,507.00 and reduce the \$503(b)(9) portion of said claim from \$60,911.00 to \$60,867.00 and
- iv. Award the Trustee prejudgment interest at the legally allowed applicable rate;
 - v. Award the Trustee costs, and expenses of suit herein; and
- vi. Grant the Trustee such other and further relief the Court deems just and appropriate.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia November 9, 2010 TAVENNER & BERAN, PLC

/s/ Lynn L. Tavenner

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EXHIBIT A

(Preferential Transfers)

	Check		
Vendor Name	Clear Date	Check Number	Paid Amount
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	8/22/2008	1033991	\$ 484.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	9/3/2008	1034270	\$ 484.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	9/5/2008	1034499	\$ 396.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	9/11/2008	1034829	\$ 880.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	9/12/2008	1034903	\$ 968.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	9/15/2008	1034959	\$ 2,904.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	9/18/2008	1035239	\$ 11,440.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	9/19/2008	1035315	\$ 2,420.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	9/22/2008	1035367	\$ 1,936.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	9/25/2008	1035633	\$ 9,856.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	9/26/2008	1035701	\$ 1,452.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	9/29/2008	1035745	\$ 2,904.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/2/2008	1035996	\$ 14,300.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/6/2008	1036052	\$ 2,420.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/6/2008	1036089	\$ 2,992.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/9/2008	1036340	\$ 17,600.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/10/2008	1036408	\$ 4,708.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/14/2008	1036441	\$ 1,936.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/17/2008	1036687	\$ 12,540.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/17/2008	1036745	\$ 3,256.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/20/2008	1036800	\$ 968.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/23/2008	1037013	\$ 13,155.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/24/2008	1037061	\$ 2,023.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/27/2008	1037098	\$ 3,826.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/30/2008	1037302	\$ 9,767.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	10/31/2008	1037358	\$ 2,288.00
ZT GROUP INTERNATIONAL INC	11/3/2008	1037397	\$ 4,400.00

Total Payment

Amount \$ 132,303.00